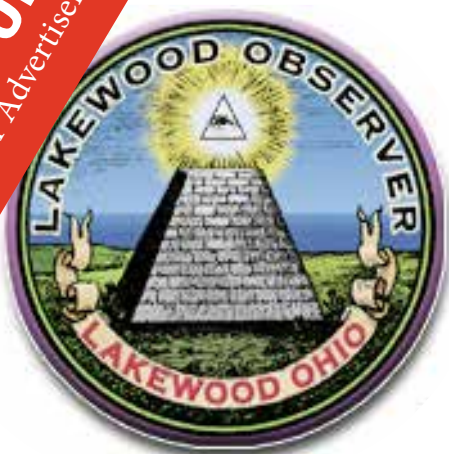


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Reflections Ceremony Celebrates Student Creativity

by Christine Gordillo

The depth and diversity of Lakewood City Schools' students' creativity and imagination were celebrated and on display at the annual Lakewood PTA Council Reflections Ceremony, held Jan. 25 at Harding Middle School. One hundred twenty works from 116 artists from preschool through high school were honored. Of those 120 pieces of art, 28 were chosen to move on to the state PTA judging, with winners to be announced in late spring.

The ceremony offered the young artists a chance to be recognized and congratulated by the superintendent, Board of Education members

and other city leaders. Guest speaker was Nicka Petruccio, an artist and member of the Lakewood Public Library's children's department staff.

The Reflections program offers students from schools with active PTAs the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works in seven arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, visual arts and special artist. All entries must follow a chosen theme, which this year was "What is Your Story?"

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The students honored at the District level for their PTA Reflections artwork.

Diversity Potluck - A Slam Dunk For Lakewood!

by Bernadette Elston

This year, Lakewood's Community Relations Advisory Commission celebrated Lakewood's diversity with its annual Diversity Potluck. The event was held at Lakewood's Women's Pavilion in Lakewood Park. Oh, it was a fine time! We tasted, laughed, sipped, shared; we reminisced, dreamed, listened, and planned. This may not resonate for all, so I'll expand a bit. We tasted foods from some of Lakewood's most esteemed restaurants, sipped delicious teas and coffees, and shared delicious recipes with friends and neighbors whose dinners may look a little different than what some are accustomed to. The menu included cultural and exotic favorites such as fried chicken, a delicious Indian Pakora and tasty chut-

ney, Tahiri rice (very tasty!), Pizza, Gyros with tzatziki sauce, and many, many more unforgettable dishes. There was far too much food, and everyone in attendance gained 5 lbs!

A special thanks to Mayor Mike Summers and Council Person Cindy Marx who both shared in the festivities. Council Person Marx shared Lakewood's Human Rights Ordinance. This necessary and important document can be found at <http://www.onelakewood.com>. More thanks are extended to local restaurants whose generous food donations are deeply appreciated. These restaurants include: Barocco, India Garden, Thai Kitchen, Aladdin's Eatery, Bylo Gyro, Tommy's Pastries, The Root Café, Blackbird Bakery, Breadsmith, and Taco Tontos.

Please forgive our oversight if your donation was not mentioned. Special thanks also to Nahida Faurina for help with posters, and Jason Elston with wonderful 'twisty balloons' for the kids -and the kids at heart! In case you missed this year's event, the potluck is always held the Thursday after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day!

The Community Relations Advisory Commission is "charged to advise, educate, and promote community relations. The mission of the Commission is to foster participation in the community; to encourage and promote respectful conversations and collaborative efforts among and between residents and city officials; and to promote equity, respect, and diversity within the city." Participation **continued on page 12**



LHS Girls Hoops Head Coach Mike Harper in a game huddle during the North Olmsted matchup.

High School Sports Roundup

by Mike Deneen

LHS Girls Hoops Gears Up for State Tournament

State tournament time is quickly approaching for the LHS girls basketball team, which carried a 13-7 record late in the season. They defeated a pair of teams last week at Harding Middle School. First they beat Avon Lake 30-23 on February 1 in a tough defensive battle. Junior center Olivia Nagy led the Rangers with 11 points in the game. On Saturday they beat North Olmsted 38-28 in an all-around strong team effort. Nagy again led the scoring with 12 points, while senior Trinity Nall had ten points.

The Rangers close out the regular season with a pair of home games at Harding Mid-

dle School. They face Avon on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:15 p.m.; then they face Westlake at on Saturday, February 11 at 2:15 p.m.. Wednesday will be Senior Night, where the senior members of the team will be recognized in a pregame ceremony.

St. Edward Hoops Back on Track

The St. Ed basketball team encountered a little turbulence in recent weeks. They dropped a heartbreaking overtime to St. Ignatius in mid-January. The following weekend they took a rare home loss, falling to Toledo 57-43. They bounced back to defeat Cleveland power Villa Angela-St. Joseph, but then Mother Nature caused the postponement of a home game **continued on page 11**

Remembering The Fallen: Officer Fahey



Officer David Fahey was struck and killed during a traffic stop on I-90 near Lakewood on January 24, 2017. Hundreds turned out to honor the fallen Cleveland Police Officer. Pictured above, the hearse carrying Officer Fahey pulls to stop, and those in attendance all stood in silence.

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Photo by Brian Foox

Decades of historical dreams came crashing to an end Monday morning as the wrecking ball arrived at the historic Westwood/Hilliard Theater, home to Midnight Movies, R-X Rated Movies, and the occasional family movie. Built in the Vaudeville days, the recent years were not kind to the theater or the theater owner. Sadly it was way past saving. See the photos inside and out, online at the Lakewood Observer.

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From The Statehouse

Representative Antonio Again To Serve As Top Democrat On House Health Committee

by Nickie Antonio

As your State Representative, it is an honor to serve house District 13, consider the many views and interests of our diverse and vibrant community and bring your voice to the Statehouse in Columbus. We know that the laws made in Columbus have a direct

impact on our lives in Lakewood. To help make the lawmaking process more efficient and thorough, pieces of legislation, once introduced and then assigned to issue-specific committees, are vetted through committee hearings where testimony and expert opinion on each bill are presented.

For the 132nd General Assembly, I have been chosen to serve on the following five committees:

- House Finance Committee: The Finance Committee hears bills related to the state's finances, including the two-year state operating budget. Committee hearings for the state budget have already begun, and will end with the adoption of the budget by June 30, 2017.

- House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education: This committee is a smaller group within the larger Finance Committee that will look at how our state funds public institutions of higher education.

- House Health Committee: I am honored to be selected as the highest ranking Democrat on this committee, which reviews legislation related to health and healthcare policy.

- Rules and Reference: Comprised of the House's leadership team, this committee assigns bills to a committee.

- Joint Legislative Ethics Committee: The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (JLEC) is the bipartisan ethics body that advises Ohio's legislative branch of government on matters concerning ethics, conflicts of interest,



State Representative Nickie J. Antonio and financial disclosure

It is an honor to continue to provide policy leadership in the Ohio House and I look forward to working with my fellow colleagues to serve the 11 million Ohioans that count on us. As we turn our focus to the state budget over the next few months, I will urge my colleagues to prioritize spending that creates jobs to ensure a strong economy, quality public education, while protecting the health and well-being of all Ohioans.

Senator Skindell Earns Key Committee Assignments

by Michael Skindell

On January 1st, State Senator Michael J. Skindell (D-Lakewood) was appointed to five key standing committees by Senate leadership, including being named as Ranking Member on the important Senate Finance Committee. The Senate Finance Committee plays a central role in the adoption of the State's Biennial Operating Budget, as well as the Mid-Biennium Review and the Capital Budget.

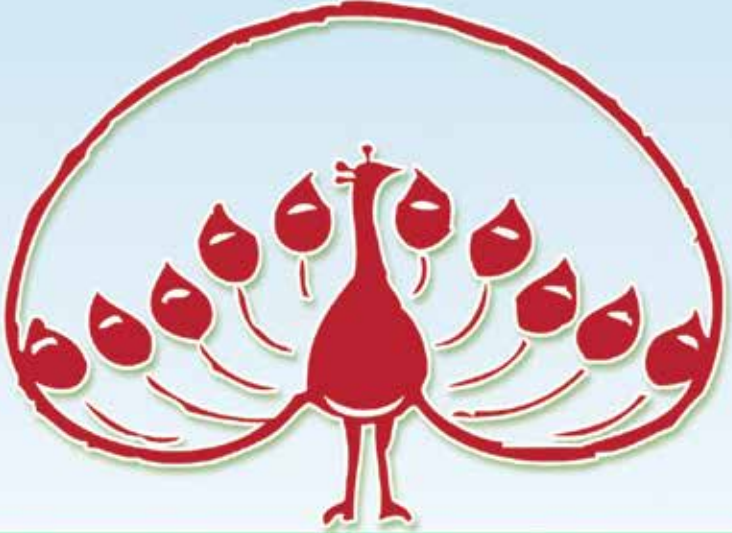
"I am truly honored by this appointment and grateful for the confidence Senator Schiavoni and my Democratic colleagues have placed in me," Senator Skindell said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Operating Budget and other state funding issues."

This will be the third session in which Senator Skindell will be the Ranking Member on the Senate Finance Committee. Skindell previously served as Ranking Member on the Senate Finance Committee in the 129th and 131st General Assemblies. As Ranking Member on the Finance Committee, Senator Skindell works to ensure that a fair shot is provided to allow working families to be successful in our economy, students to achieve a quality education and senior citizens to have a meaningful retirement.

In addition, Senator Skindell will serve on the Senate Agriculture, Judiciary, Energy & Natural Resources, and Government Oversight committees. These committees will touch on public policy important to many aspects of the state of Ohio.

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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Wednesday, February 8

Literature Series - “A Fort of Nine Towers: An Afghan Family Story”

Qais Akabar Omar, a young Afghan writer, born in 1982 writes a riveting memoir of his family’s experiences in Afghanistan. The Afghani culture told through the folktales and poetic voice of Omar will be the primary focus of this free, four-week course, presented by Barbara Parr, an instructor with Case Western Reserve University’s Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program. Please Register in advance at www.lifelonglearningcleveland.org, or by calling the Library at (216) 226-8275.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Thursday, February 9

Author Event - “How to Overcome Heartbreak: Recovering from Misguided Love” by Nicole D. Miller

Have you found yourself nursing a broken heart? Do you wonder when the pain will end? Miller shares her own story about her own heartbreak, the events that led to it, and how she successfully overcame heartbreak and created a new and healthier life for herself. She gives the reader tips on healing and growing spiritually as well as emotionally. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, February 11

Film - “All the President’s Men” (1976)

On June 17, 1972, security guard Frank Wills was making his rounds at the Watergate Complex when he found a door that was kept unlocked with duct tape. The events that followed kept the country on edge for a little over two years, culminating in the resignation of President Nixon on August 9, 1974. Terry Meehan concludes his series on “Politics and the Movies,” introducing each film with rare clips and original documentaries, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, February 12

Concert - Diane and Brian

Take a trip with Diane and Brian—soprano, guitar duo—and discover the beauties of life and love with songs from Europe and the Americas. Brian’s classical guitar style fits well with Diane’s love of folksongs and languages, and their program offers a beautiful sampling of music from England, Spain, Italy, Haiti, Brazil and North America.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Wednesday, February 15

Literature Series - “A Fort of Nine Towers: An Afghan Family Story”

The third part of our Literature Series led by Barbara Parr, an instructor with Case Western Reserve University’s Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program. Please Register in advance at www.lifelonglearningcleveland.org, or by calling the Library at (216) 226-8275.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, February 15

Distance Learning - Form, Function, and Faith Presented by Cleveland Museum of Art

This program from the Cleveland Museum of Art explores the relationship between building form and function by focusing on three Cleveland-area historic houses of worship: Saint Theodosius, a Russian Orthodox Church; Temple Tifereth Israel, a synagogue; and the Kirtland Temple, a 19th-century Community of Christ (Latter Day Saints) Church.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, February 16

Talk - Judaism and ... the Environment

Presented by Rabbi Enid Lader

Judaism emphasizes our need to preserve our natural resources and create new ones for future generations. The Jewish concept of bal tashchit, “do not destroy,” forbids needless destruction. We are encouraged l’vadah ul’ shamrah “to till and to tend,” to become the Earth’s stewards. Sources from the Bible and rabbinic teachings will inform our discussion on our concerns about climate change, clean water and environmental health.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday February 16

Booked For Murder: A Who’s Who of Mystery Novels

Identity can be a curious thing. Join us, and explore how these mystery novels grapple with one of life’s most disturbing predicaments: an identity crisis. Tonight we will discuss “Brat Farrar” by Josephine Tey.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Saturday, February 18

Film - “Gaslight” (1944)

A famous diva is killed in her own home and the valuable collection of jewelry she owned has gone missing. Ingrid Bergman, the woman’s niece, finds the body. Traumatized, she is sent away to school, and eventually trains to become a singer. After meeting and marrying Charles Boyer, the couple return to London. At his insistence, they live in the same house that had been the murder scene so many years ago. The once kind husband becomes cold and cruel. Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, February 19

Film - “A Sinner in Mecca” (2015)

For a gay filmmaker, filming in Saudi Arabia presents two serious challenges: filming is forbidden in the country; and homosexuality is punishable by death. For Parvez Sharma, however, these were risks he had to take as he embarked on his Hajj pilgrimage, a journey

considered the greatest accomplishment and aspiration within his religion, Islam.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, February 21

Performance - Ney Instrument

The ney instrument is one of the oldest forms of flute. The Turkish ney has seven holes—six finger holes and one thumb hole—nine segments and a bashpare. Come and enjoy the sounds of this ancient instrument as the Turkish Cultural Center hosts a ney player, or neyzen, who will give a presentation and performance.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday February 21

Knit and Lit Book Club

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight we will discuss “Maisie Dobbs” by Jacqueline Winspear.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, February 11

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11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room.

Saturday, February 11

Sew Your Own Library Tote

For anyone age 8 and up

Create your own unique and stylish tote bag in this hands-on, no experience necessary craft program. Registration required.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Homework Room.

Sunday, February 12

Sensory Story Time

For you and your 3-7 year old child

This story time program can be enjoyed by all children, but it is specifically designed for young children with special needs, autism or those with sensory processing challenges. Registration required.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Toddler Story Room.

Saturday, February 18

Mr. Alex’s Magic Show

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The Music And Tradition Of Turkey

by Amy Kloss

A cultural center opened on Madison Avenue in Lakewood in 2012 with a mission to promote interaction and understanding between Turkish and American culture. The Turkish American Society of Ohio continues that mission with two programs at the Lakewood Public Library in February.

On Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m., enjoy a performance by a musician who plays one of the oldest forms of the flute, the ney. Neys, along with the tanbur lute and kemenche fiddle, are the most common instruments in Turk-

ish classical music. A ney player, or neyzen, will give a presentation and performance with this ancient instrument in the Main Library Auditorium.

The following Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m., Murat Gurur, executive director of the Turkish American Society of Ohio, will discuss the Call to Prayer, which rings out five times per day, every day in Turkey, calling Muslims for mandatory worship. Recited in Arabic, the call is both a summons to ritual prayer and a summary of basic Islamic beliefs. Although disagreement may exist on the exact origin of the call, the



story most often told is that the first to recite it was a freed slave chosen by Muhammad for his powerful and beautiful voice. Join Gurur in the Main Library Auditorium for a discussion of this integral part of the Muslim faith.



Murat Gurur, Executive Director of the Turkish American Society of Ohio

Library Presents Two Part Series:
Judaism And ...

by Elaine Rosenberger

Lakewood Public Library presents a two-part series on Judaism and its relevance to ongoing concerns in our lives.

The first program, Judaism and the Environment, takes place on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. What does the ancient religion of Judaism have to say about protecting the environment? We will consider the concepts of bal tashchit (“do not destroy”) and l’vadah ul’ sham-rah (“to till and to tend”).

The second program, Judaism and Particularism and Universalism, takes place on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium and will consider the balance between particularism and universalism through the lens of the Siddur, a



Rabbi Enid Lader

Jewish prayer book.

Both programs will be led by Rabbi Enid Lader, the Rabbi of Beth Israel – The West Temple. Admission is free and open to all.

Mr. Alex’s Magic Show

by Marge Foley

Abracadabra! Hocus pocus! Alakazam! Witness an amazing display of tricks and illusions and be dazzled by this performance when Lakewood Public Library presents Mr. Alex’s Magic Show. Children and their families are invited to join in the magical fun as Mr. Alex executes fascinating tricks and amazing illusions. Classic magic fills this child friendly presentation that will be a delight for all ages. These mystical maneuvers will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room, which is located in Children’s and Youth Services. This show is free and open to the public and no registration is required. For details about other youth programs at the Lakewood Public Library,

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Schools

Middle Schools Earn Sandy Hook Award

by Christine Gordillo

Garfield and Harding Middle Schools have earned a runner-up award from the Sandy Hook Promise organization for their participation in Say Something Call-to-Action Week in October. The schools won in the Student Spirit, Creativity and Sustainability category. The two schools will split the \$500 award to go toward sustaining Sandy Hook Promise activities in our schools. They will also receive a Say Some-

thing plaque, and a mention on SHP's social media channels and related materials. The schools will host the Start with Hello Sandy Hook program in February.

Schools that won awards went above and beyond to incorporate the core values of Say Something into their school culture, as well as the community at large. During Say Something Week, students created posters, made a video for the morning announcements, and signed the

pledges throughout the week. The students also represented Say Something Week by designating a day for the student population to wear green for the Sandy Hook Promise and blue for anti-bullying.

During Say Something week,

there was continuous collaboration between both middle schools. "We wanted to keep the message consistent across the community of Lakewood and among all of our Lakewood students," said Harding Assistant Principal Shane Sullivan.

District Lunch Menus Earn USDA Award

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations are due to the Lakewood City Schools' Nutrition Services Department as all school buildings recently received the Bronze Award for the USDA's HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchroom. Each school will be recognized nationally and awarded \$500 for use in the cafeterias.

Assistant Supervisor of Nutrition Services/Dietitian Tammi Zavatchen worked one year on preparing the application for the award with the help of many District employees and Nutrition Services Supervisor/Dietitian Nancy Early.

The HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchroom is a voluntary certification initiative established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, to recognize schools that are creating healthier school environments through their promotion of nutritious meals, physical activity, and nutrition education.

Criteria for certification:

- All schools are enrolled as a Team Nutrition School
- All schools offer reimbursable school lunches that meet the USDA nutrition standards

- All schools participate in both the National School Program and the School Breakfast Program

- All schools offer reimbursable school lunches that demonstrate healthy menu planning practices and principles of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans

- All schools meet the Smart Snack in Schools Nutrition Standards

- District adopts and supports a Local School Wellness Policy

- All schools must be certified for the 6 Cents program

- All schools offer nutrition education, physical education and physical activity

This is one of a number of honors the Nutrition Services Department has earned in the last several years, including the Ohio Department of Education Stellar Award for Best Nutrition Practice, and the Cleveland Clinic's Eat Right at School Menu award.

Lakewood City Schools believe that schools play an important role in helping to reduced childhood obesity though healthy eating patterns, regular physical activity and nutrition education.

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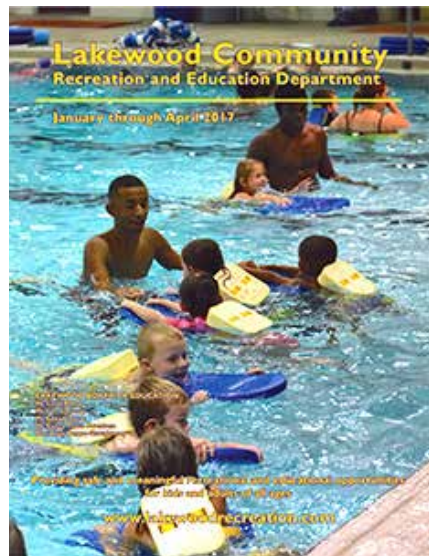

Thinking Of An Activity, Look To The Recreation Winter Booklet

by Ralph Lundberg

Winter is here and we have plenty of things for you to do! There are some new and exciting class offerings this winter. Whether it is learning a new language like Spanish or the ancient art of Reiki, we have myriad choices to help meet everyone's needs.

Want to learn how to play guitar? We have beginning and teen guitar classes. Need help fixing up your house and want to do it yourself? Try one of Jim Englers "Homework" classes. Or if you want to brush up or learn new computer skills we have quite a few choices to select from.

We have various programs for younger aged children. You can try our Shrimps 1, 2 or 3 swimming classes and see what fun it is with you and your little one. Or our Start Smart Sports program which helps teach your 3-6 year old the fundamentals of a number of different sports in a fun and educational way. Does your child love computers? Try one of our youth Gigalearn, LLC classes. Young Rembrants is back with their elementary after school art program and if you



would like to try gymnastics, we have a class for your little tumbler with our Tumble Bugs and Tiny Turners classes. With summer just around the corner, the summer camps are listed in the winter brochure to allow for early planning and registration.

We have a lot to offer this winter at the Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Department. Take a look at our booklet or online at www.lakewoodrecreation.com to see what you can learn next.

Schools

Rangers Name New Head Football Coach

by Christine Gordillo

Tom Hannan, current assistant head coach at Garrettsville’s James A. Garfield High School, has been named the next head coach for the Lakewood High School varsity football team. Hannan, who is a licensed physical education teacher, was approved by the Board of Education at its February 6 meeting.

“It will be an honor and a privilege to be the next head coach of Lakewood High. I will do everything in my power to represent LHS and the community in a positive manner,” Hannan said. “I will hire a staff that are not only great teachers, but great role models.”

Hannan comes to Lakewood with an extensive coaching resume stretching over 35 years that includes 16 years

as head coach at Crestwood High School in Mantua, where he earned the most wins of any coach in school history and twice earned Akron Touch-down Club Coach of the Year honors. He also served as Athletic Director for four years while at Crestwood from 1994-2010.

After his lengthy tenure at Crestwood, Hannan, who is a graduate of Mount Union College, held a variety of football coaching positions including offensive line coach at North Olmsted High School, head football coach at Ridgedale High School in Morral, Ohio, and assistant head coach at Cuyahoga Falls High School.

“We are excited to bring someone in who has a lot of experience in devel-

oping a program from our youth on up,” said Superintendent Jeff Patterson. “Tom has come highly recommended by everyone we spoke with.”

Added Athletic Director Sean Jackson: “Coach Hannan has the experience, time and a plan to move our football program in the right direction. I am extremely excited for our football players!”

Hannan said his years of head coaching experience have helped him develop a philosophy that focuses on academics, work ethic, discipline, organization, positive attitude and accountability, and building lifelong relationships and memories. “I want these four years to be among the players’ best memories of their life,” he said.



Coach Hannan

Public Gets First Glimpse Of LHS Academic Wing



The brand new academic wing at LHS includes state of the art technologies such as those seen in the science classroom above.



The freshly painted purple hallways provide a blank canvas on which to display the talented artistry of many LHS students.



LHS continues to stand out among the region’s public schools thanks to its diverse academic offerings, including options like “Electronics.”

Reflections Ceremony Celebrates Student Creativity

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Each school with a PTA can send up to 24 entries to the district level judging. Among works chosen for district-level recognition, the highest scoring 28 works as deemed by a panel of judges evaluating on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme, move on to Columbus to compete with students’ work from around the state.

The following students’ work will move on to statewide judging:

Lakewood Early Childhood PTA

Virginia Lindberg

Grant

Sean Miller

Horace Mann

Grace Bratko

Joanna Wright

Lincoln

Ronan Barley

Jaelyn Bennett

Viviana Crino

Chris Cuccia

Paige Nappi

Roosevelt

Emily Potoczak

Meghan Walcheck

Garfield

Julia Westlake

Harding

Mitch Bjorn

Alexandra Horton

Julia Kavc

Belle Orlando

Keller Sbertoli

Anastasia Seckers

Inga Wilhelmy

Lila Wright

Lakewood High

Garrett Bodnar

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Sports

Lakewood Athletic Boosters

Annual Night At The Races

by Ann Schwarz

The Lakewood Athletic Boosters are holding their 13th annual Night at the Races fundraiser on March 4, 2017 at St. Mary Banquet Hall 3256 Warren Road Cleveland, Ohio. This fun event helps raise funds for Lakewood High and Middle School Sports.

The Night at the Races event is from 6- 11:30 p.m. with the races starting at 7:30 p.m. Geiger's, Slife Heating and Cooling, KB Confections, Italian Creations, Ross's Deli, and Panera Bread are among the local businesses that are sponsoring or donating and supplying food and beer for this event. People may bring their own food and beverages to enjoy, as well. This event is for people 21 and over. No tickets will be sold at the door and tickets must be presented for admission. People are encouraged to visit the Lakewoodathleticboosters.org website to order tickets and horses.

In addition to Raffle Baskets filled with donated items from area businesses and Side Boards, Night at the Races will have some big auction items-- a jewelry piece from Broestl & Wallis, electronics, a signed NFL jersey, and Cavaliers, and Indians items. Businesses can purchase ads for the Race Form booklet. There will also be an opportunity to purchase \$25 raffle tickets for a chance to win a 2 year lease for a 2017 Buick Encore from Steve Barry Buick (tax and title included) or \$10,000 cash option. The Car Raffle winner will be randomly selected on March 14, 2017 at the Winter Sports Awards at the Civic Auditorium at 6:00 pm (Winner need not be present) Only 2,000 Car Raffle tickets will be sold. People can access information about purchasing tickets for Night at the Races, the Car Raffle, Sponsoring, or Advertisement placement at the Lakewood Athletic Boosters website: LakewoodAthleticBoosters.org.

The Athletic Boosters was founded in 1988 as a Non-Profit organization. At the time, Lakewood was having difficulties passing school levies and it was feared that some of the sports

programs could be cut. The Pay-to-Participate fee was instituted to help cover the cost of the sports programs at the High School. A group of parents (among them Ed Favre, Mary Wallace, Art and Helen Stupiansky, Anthony Di Biasio and others) did the hard work of establishing and organizing the Athletic Booster Club as the Lakewood Adult Boosters Club. Their mission was to support and promote Lakewood High and Middle School Sports, to lend moral backing to the coaches and teams and to assist school athletic endeavors.

Every year, the Lakewood Athletic Boosters donates \$60,000-\$70,000 to the Lakewood Schools Athletic Department to help subsidize their annual budget. The purchase of new uniforms, equipment, and materials has allowed the Student Athletes to enjoy a positive and memorable experience with school sports. 8-10 Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each are awarded every year to deserving graduating seniors. Recently, the Athletic Boosters have donated extra funds for the new timing board at the High School Pool, new wrestling mats, an iPad for Boys Basketball, and spin

bikes. The Pay-to-Play fee for Lakewood High and Middle School sports is one of the lowest in the area at \$75 per sport. In many other School districts, Pay to Participate fees can run as high as \$600 per sport for each athlete. Volunteers for the Athletic Boosters can earn credit and reduce their Pay-to-Play fee even further by volunteering for the Boosters at the Concession stands, Night at the Races, or the Ranger Shop. Since its inception, the Lakewood Athletic Boosters have donated over a million dollars back to Lakewood City Schools Athletic Department.

Swimmers Snag Conference Titles At Champs Meet

by Christine Gordillo

A trio of Lakewood High swimmers can now call themselves Southwest Conference champions! Congratulations to seniors Evan Gainous, Preston Polen and Kelley Reis. Reis set a pool and meet record en route to a win in the 100 backstroke and she also topped the field in 100 butterfly at the conference championship meet

held January 28 as Westlake Recreation Center. Polen defended his title in the 100 butterfly and Gainous won the 100 backstroke. The 400 free relay of Polen, Gainous junior Colman McGuan and senior Nick Ferrone were also champs. The Rangers also had a number of swimmers as SWC runners-up: Evan Gainous in the 100 fly, Colman McGuan in the 200 IM, Nick Ferrone

in the 200 freestyle and the boys' 200 free relay of Polen, Gainous, McGuan and Ferrone. On the diving side, senior Elizabeth Pearlman finished in third place. The boys' team rallied for a third place finish overall after being in seventh after the diving competition on January 27. The girls' team finished in fifth place. Congratulations to all the swimmers, divers and coaches!

Lakewood Soccer Association: Saturday Soccer Spring 2017 Registration

by John Hueter

The registration deadline is coming up soon for the spring season of Lakewood Soccer Association's (LSA) Saturday Soccer program. The deadline is Sunday, February 28. Registration cost is \$50 for the spring season. LSA still will take registrations after the February 28 deadline, but they are subject to a \$20 late fee. There are a few ways to sign up. Visit the "Saturday" page of LSA's website, www.lakewood-soc-

cer.com, and you can sign up with a credit card online. You also can print a registration form from the website and mail it to us, or you can stop at the Madison branch of the Lakewood Public Library from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 11 and 25 to register in person. (Payments at the in-person registration must be made by check or cash.) LSA's eight-week season of games starts Saturday, March 25th. Games are played at Memorial Field in the Metroparks on Saturday mornings at four time slots: 8:30



a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. Schedules are posted on the website about a week before the season begins. Registration is open to players age 4-14. Nearly 600 kids of all ability levels played on 45 co-ed teams, coached by parent volunteers, during the fall season. LSA has run a recreational soccer program for more than 30 years. For those who register for the spring season, team assignments will be emailed to them during the week of March 13. Team practices and league-wide footskills – U05 and U06 FUNdamentals with Coach Joe Julian, and U07-U14 footskills with Coach Mirsad Curri & Coach Andrei Plop - will begin the week of March 20th. If you have questions, please visit www.lakewood-soccer.com.



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Lakewood Cares

LakewoodAlive Announces Entertainment For Lumberjack Bash

Live Music by Lost State of Franklin Headlines Full Slate of Lumberjack Fun

by Matt Bixenstine

Despite their reputation for under-taking grueling and dangerous work, lumberjacks still know how to have fun. Need proof? Simply attend Loving Lakewood: Lumberjack Bash.

Presented by Geiger’s, the Lumberjack Bash serves as a fundraiser for LakewoodAlive. All lumberjacks and jills are cordially invited to don their best plaid and attend the Bash on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at The Bottlehouse Brewery Lakewood (to secure tickets, visit LakewoodAlive.org).

LakewoodAlive announces a full slate of entertainment options for the Lumberjack Bash to ensure guests enjoy a log-splitting good time. Cleveland-based band Lost State of Franklin will entice the plaid-clad audience to dance their axes off by performing a brand of music blending elements of folk, bluegrass and country to create a sound that’s pure Americana.

Guests at the Lumberjack Bash can also sink their saws into the following entertainment options:

- A live wood-carving demonstration
- The Epic Beard Contest presented by Men’s Cuts
- A “Head in the Hole” lumberjack selfie station
- Hammerschlagen – A unique game involving a hammer, nails and a stump
- A speed-building Lincoln Log contest
- For more information regarding the Lumberjack Bash, please visit LakewoodAlive.org.

Loving Lakewood: Lumberjack Bash is generously supported



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by the following sponsors: Geiger’s (Title Sponsor) Cleveland Property Management Group and First Federal Lakewood (Platinum Sponsors), Cleveland Home Title and M.V.P. Valet Parking (Gold Sponsors), Men’s Cuts (Presenting Sponsor for the Epic Beard

Contest), Clark Wealth Management, Cleveland Lumber Company, Erie Design, King’s Kitchen, Lanter Legal, Lion and Blue, Moore Yourkvitch & Dibo, Plantation Home, Relief Properties, Ride + Workout and Scalish Construction (Silver Sponsors).



LakewoodAlive hosts its Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to honor the many community members who contribute their time and talents each year.

LakewoodAlive Thanks Volunteers With Annual Appreciation Breakfast

by Matt Bixenstine

As the saying goes, it takes a village. This is especially true in the case of LakewoodAlive, a volunteer-driven organization that relies heavily on community members to help fulfill its mission to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods.

LakewoodAlive hosted its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday morning, Jan. 20, at the Women’s Pavilion in Lakewood Park. The event, attended by nearly 75 community members, featured staff-made pancakes and stories of remarkable volunteerism. LakewoodAlive recognized the nearly 750 volunteers who, in 2016, contributed their time and talents to supporting the nonprofit community development organization and to helping improve quality of life in Lakewood.

Volunteer Champion Awards were bestowed upon the following individuals for their outstanding service to LakewoodAlive:

Outgoing LakewoodAlive Board Members
James Crawford
Sean McDermott
Shannan Ritchie
Dru Siley
Rolly Standish

Housing Outreach Program
LHS Freshman Football Team
Lean In Recovery Center
James “JP” Ptacek
St. Edward High School
Lakewood Summer Meltdown
JP Krainz
Lori Uldricks

Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival
Michael Bentley

Spooky Pooch Parade
Greg Wereb

Light Up Lakewood
Lisa Cimino
Glenn Palmer & Derek Palmer
Judy Szentkiralyi
“Above & Beyond” Awards were presented to Bryan Evans and Chris

New Chapel Blessing And Memorial Service

by Tammy Sibert

On January 30, O’Neill Healthcare Lakewood held a memorial service in their new Assisted Living chapel. The ceremony was opened with a blessing of the new chapel by Father Dennis Hrubciak of the Byzantine Catholic Church in Parma and son of assisted living resident, Irene Hrubciak.

Father Dennis (pictured at right) generously donated a beautiful icon of the Virgin Mary. The blessing was followed by a memorial service led by Julie Greer of O’Neill Healthcare Hospice, and the service ended with refreshments and sharing memories of lost loved ones. Thank you to all who attended for your support!



Vance for their excellence in service to LakewoodAlive. Bryan contributes to LakewoodAlive in numerous ways, including serving on the Board of the Directors, chairing the Marketing Committee and volunteering during community events. Chris, owner of Vance Music Studios in Lakewood, plays a key role with helping LakewoodAlive secure live entertainment for various community events, including the 12-week Front Porch Concert Series each summer.

A special award is bestowed each year to a volunteer who demonstrates uniquely exceptional commitment to LakewoodAlive. The Laskey Service Award was named for Tim Laskey, a founding member of LakewoodAlive. This year’s Laskey Service Award recipient is Rob Donaldson. Rob, a LakewoodAlive Board Member, has proven instrumental to fur-

thering the organization’s urban design initiatives. In addition to chairing LakewoodAlive’s Design Committee, Rob recently spearheaded an effort to enhance the Historic Curtis Block Building with window displays and has taken a lead role in planning Warren Road streetscape improvements along with the development and implementation of a bench and trash receptacle program. Rob routinely donates his design expertise, and for that LakewoodAlive is extremely grateful.

“We can’t begin to express our gratitude for the incredible outpouring of support we receive from our family of dedicated volunteers,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director for LakewoodAlive. “Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for Lakewood, and for helping us fulfill our mission to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods.”

Lakewood Is Art

Ready? Okay! Beck Center Presents “Bring It On” Regional Premiere

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to present the regional premiere of “Bring It On the Musical,” the sixth annual collaboration with the esteemed Baldwin Wallace University Music Theatre Program. This limited engagement runs February 10 through 26, 2017 in the Mackey Theater. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Two Thursday performances will take place at 8 p.m. on February 16 and 23. Tickets are now on sale. Buy early and save with promo code: CHEER to receive \$5 off each adult/senior ticket purchased by February 9.

This movie-based-musical comes from Lin-Manuel Miranda and Tom Kitt, creators of the Broadway sensations “Hamilton” and “Next to Normal.” Nominated for two Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, this story takes audiences on a high-flying journey filled with an incredible score by two of Broadway’s most celebrated contemporary composers. Their energetic rock and hip-hop infused musical numbers represent two squads with one mission: the National Cheerleading Championship title.

Beck Center is pleased to welcome Director Will Brandstetter, who comes straight off the Broadway engagement of “Alton Brown Live: Eat Your Science” and the Toronto engagement of “The Illusionists: Live from Broadway.” A graduate of Baldwin Wallace University Music Theatre program, he now directs a talented ensemble of 32 BWMT students alongside Music Director Peter van Reesema and Choreographer Martín Céspedes. “I am really looking forward to returning to Cleveland and working with current BW students,” remarked Brandstetter. “It is also exciting to be collaborating with fellow alums, including Cheer Coach Mary Sheridan. We are ready to bring it!”

Victoria Bussert, the acclaimed Director of Music Theatre at Baldwin Wallace University, will serve as Pro-

duction Supervisor. She is joined by Music Supervisor David Pepin, the original Music Director of Broadway’s “Bring It On.”

Tickets are \$31 for adults, \$27 for seniors (65 and older), and \$12 for students with a valid I.D. A \$3 service fee per ticket will be applied at time of purchase. Preview Night

on Thursday, February 9 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of four or more. Purchase tickets online at beckcenter.org or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center for the Arts is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown

Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

This production of “Bring It On the Musical” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). It is generously sponsored the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

Next Meeting Thursday February 16, 2017

Lakewood Art League Looking For New Members

by Mary Bodnar

Lakewood Art League is looking for new members. Please come check us out at our next meeting Thurs. Feb 16th at 7 pm where Jerry Wang will be our Presenter with his lovely daughter, who is also a talented musician, in tow as his translator!

Jerry Wang (Guangsheng) Wang is a native of Tianjin, China. He has taught a Chinese traditional instrument - Erhu, at the Tianjin Conservatory of Music for over 25 years. Painting has always been his second passion. His artworks have been published in the Tianjin Daily Newspaper and the Tianjin People’s Fine Arts Publishing House Magazine. He has presented his artworks at Cleveland, Ohio areas such as Lakewood Arts Festival, the Rocky River Art Show, the Hudson Public Library, The Cleveland Public Library, and the John Carroll University. Mr. Wang collaborated with the Cleveland Classical Guitar Society. He also gave lectures and art demonstration classes at the Cleveland Institute of Art and the Cleveland State University.

His passion for fine arts has passed on to his elder son, Tony Wang who is now a well established artist and designer in Toronto, Canada. His design firm - TWdesignstudio.ca - specializes in interior design and 3D rendering for major companies in Toronto. Guang-

sheng Wang is very grateful for his opportunity in America. He hopes to display his passion for Chinese traditional music and art to many people.

We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm till 8:30. Lakewood Art League (LAL) meetings are held at the Kathleen & Robert Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave in Lakewood. (Corner of Madison Ave and Northland Ave.) Join us Thurs March 16th where Troy Blum will be our Presenter. Troy Blum owns Imaginary Studio and studied drawing at the Cleveland Institute of Art. He also went to Garrett Morgan Cleveland School of Science and resides in Lakewood. In addition to being a fine artist, Troy is also a musician.

At LAL’s meeting Thurs, April 20th, Mary Ellen Salo will be our Presenter. Mary Ellen Salo has devoted her life to creating, selling and teaching art in several media. Gouache, acrylic, watercolor, oil paint and clay are recent examples of the media she uses and teaches. She has done many portraits on commission and quite a few students have done portraits of her. She has been a recreation art instructor for the City of Cleveland where she taught regular and special ed. children and adult classes, the same classes from Cleveland public schools and from 5 different city neighborhoods on the west, east & south of downtown. She taught drawing, painting and clay classes using several media and firing the ceramics in 3 kilns. She is the owner of May-Salo Studio Gallery in Cleveland. They offer portraits on commission, paintings in watercolor, oil, acrylic & gouache, ceramic ware, & styles from folk to realism.

The mission of Lakewood Art League is to connect the Lakewood Art Community through diverse, dynamic, and creative experiences that bring artists of all walks of life together to meet, create and talk about contemporary visual art.

Our mission is to retain a dedicated art league membership which is deeply committed to promoting art and art education by bringing in a wide variety of artists to speak and teach on their particular artistic craft each month. Through periodic Art Shows in various locations, including the long-running Lakewood Art League May



Members of the Lakewood Art League.

Show at Lakewood Hospital over the years, we seek to provide a showcase for our member artists as well as a venue to sell our artwork to the public through our Art Displays and Art Shows.

We place an emphasis on the value of visual art in our contemporary lives as artists living in and impacting our community. We are constantly seeking innovative art speakers and presenters to enhance our programming for our members as well as holding monthly meetings that build community in our group, promote art education, and outreach to attracts artists in our community to join our League.

We welcome ALL members of our diverse community and seek opportunities for interaction and access for artists of all ages. Art is for everyone. Creativity is at the heart of everything we do. We provide opportunities for our members to learn about art, themselves, and each other. Learning is an integral part of all of our programs.

The Lakewood Art League improves quality of life for our members and contributes to the vitality of our city. We continue to evolve and grow as an organization to keep pace with our vibrant city and the arts landscape in which we live. We look to the future while celebrating creating art in the past since our founding in 1950.

Call Mary Bodnar, LAL Artist, Membership Chair & Historian, 216/392-4944 for more info. Our annual dues are only \$20. We are always looking for new members!

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Mincing Words Like Garlic:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 42

by Buzz Kompier

Obligatory Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It's one thing to enjoy music, but to, like, pick out what you like about it? That being said, if I review your thing and I didn't like something, don't feel too bad. My opinion doesn't matter all that much.

Cloud Nothings - Learn My Life - Carpark Records - 2 songs - 7"

Cloud Nothings' 7"s have always been kinda spotty for me. I was very pleased upon listening to this one, however, that both songs on it are quite good! "Learn My Life" is a great acoustic indie rock/pop tune, with just Dylan Baldi on acoustic guitar. If you've missed it with Cloud Nothings more extravagantly produced full-lengths, Dylan is quite a good songwriter, singer, and guitarist, which is on full display here with everything else stripped away. I like the part where he sings falsetto also. Nice touch. The flip side, "Sacrifice (For Love)," is another lo-fi acoustic one, though this time with bass and two guitars. I'm not sure whether fellow CN members TJ Duke and Chris Brown play on it or it's just Dylan (I'm inclined to believe the latter, but feel free to write in and tell me how stupid I am if you think otherwise), either way it's another great melancholy pop tune. I'd love to hear more Cloud Nothings/Dylan Baldi recordings like this, with just Dylan, acoustic and simple. Highly recommended, and you get to take a nice trip out of state if you want one (see below)! 4.8/5

(This is a tour exclusive, so I hear. Fortunately for you, it's not too late to catch Cloud Nothings while they're still in America. Check their Facebook page for tour dates and maybe you can travel to Chicago or something and buy a copy of this there. Or maybe they'll have copies when they're back from Europe, but you never know.)

Cloud Nothings - Life Without Sound - Carpark Records - 9 songs - LP, CD, cassette (allegedly), download

I gotta admit, based on the pre-release singles, I was a bit worried about how this album would turn out. And then it turned out that this album is actually pretty good! "Up To The Surface" starts with a piano, which for you Cloud Nothings fans will be instantly reminiscent of "No Future/No Past," the opening track off 2012's "Attack On Memory." Supposedly, for this album, they tried to strip away some of the "rough edges" or something like that. Sure enough, there's no screaming or distorted guitar on this track. After that, there's "Things Are Right With You," a great, catchy indie rock tune. "Internal World" was a song I didn't like when it was released as the second of three singles from the album, but within the context of the rest of the LP, it's pretty good. On "Darkened Rings," I was reminded of the instrumental track ("Separation") from "Attack On Memory," whatever that means to you. Closing out Side A might be my favorite track here (tied with "Things Are Right With You"), "Enter Entirely." It was released earlier as pre-release single 3/3 and was the only one that made me

feel like this album would probably be good. The weird string bend thing they do during the chorus is pretty cool, too. Side B starts with single one of three, "Modern Act." I had my doubts about it when it first came out, but repeated listening has proved to me that it was quite a good choice for the first single of the album, as it's a very catchy pop tune. Also, Mr. California is in the music video, so I don't know what more you could want from it. There are some weird and interesting melodies going on in "Sight Unseen," and "Strange Year" might be the "heaviest" here (the dissonant "down" harmonies on the chorus are nice and creepy, too—though I will add that I think "Strange Year" is my least favorite on the album, tied with "Up To The Surface." That should mean nothing (cloud nothing) to you, though.). The record ends with "Realize My Fate," which finally brings out the chaos that fans of earlier tunes like "Wasted Days" and "Pattern Walks" were hoping for, though it does it at a much slower tempo than either of those two songs, which is an interesting change. Overall, a decent album. It's one of those ones that takes a good few listens to grow on you, and I don't think it's quite as good as "Here & Nowhere Else" or "Attack On Memory," but it's still quite worth checking out. Did Dylan's voice get deeper again or am I finally losing it for real? 4/5

(cloudnothings.bandcamp.com)
Day Creeper - Central States - Superdreamer Records / Heel Turn Records - 10 songs - LP

This one's not such a recent release, but hey, I got a stack of stuff here and it's all gotta get reviewed sometime, so there ya go. This LP takes a little while to get going for me, but it does get there. Side A has some cool moments here and there, "Get Off My Wavelength," "Luxury Condominium," and "Ignore The Signs" especially, but Side B is more consistently something. Day Creeper play pretty straightforward catchy garage/indie rock with solid memories. I like that due to the super-tuff drumming style, some of these songs ("Makeshift Maker" stands out) have a rock strut to them even when they're more of a ballad type. An interesting choice indeed. I can't quite say that the songwriting holds up over a whole full-length, but the good parts are pretty darn good. I also have a soft spot for this group because something about their singer's vocal style reminds me of Doug Enkler. Not bad stuff. A thoroughly decent affair. 3.7/5

(superdreamerrecords.com or heelturnrecords.com, whichever floats your boat)

Junkhouse Bones - Shelf Life - self-released - 9 songs - Download

I wasn't sure what to make of this based on the artist name, but hey, it turns out that it doesn't suck. This is nine tracks of pretty decent alt/indie rock. There's something it really reminds me of and it's driving me absolutely crazy that I can't place it. The closest I can get for now is

sort of a mix between Cloud Nothings and Dinosaur Jr. There's definitely a lot of '90s alt-rock influence here with some modern touches as well. The vocals are way louder and clearer in the mix than I'm used to with this type of thing, which I'm not quite sure what to make of. I know I have friends who would definitely be into this. Some of the tunes here were pretty good, dare I say. I'm interested to see how this project develops, assuming it will. 3.5/5

(junkhousebones.bandcamp.com)

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to Observer headquarters: The Lakewood



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High School Sports Roundup

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against East Village Prep of Detroit.

On Friday the team had a strong performance against Lutheran East, winning 74-60. Senior guard Jack Sullivan led the Eagles with 17 points, and fellow senior Thomas Schmock had 15. Center Kevin Calhoun contributed 13 points, 8 of which came in the third period. The Eagles have a pair of home games remaining in the regular season. They face St. Ignatius in a highly anticipated rematch this Friday evening. On February 17 they will celebrate Senior Night before their game with Cleveland JFK.

Lakewood Icers Finish Home Season

The Lakewood hockey team played its final home game of this amazing turnaround season on Saturday night at Serpentine Arena. They fell 3-2 to Brooklyn in a nail biting finish, and finished the season in second place with a 9-3 record in the Blue South Division. Before the game senior players Brad Kerrigan, James Christie, and Donald McCrae were honored for their contributions to the program. They move on to play in the Baron Cup Tournament this week in Brooklyn, and then on to the OHSAA State Championship Tournament.

RANGER NOTES

*The LHS boys hoops teams returns from a three game road trip on Friday night when they face Westlake at Harding Middle School. Then they face



Lakewood goalie Rob Holden and defenseman Jonas Hupcey (#15) fight off a Brooklyn attack on Senior Night.

Midview in a Valentine's Day matchup at Harding. Both varsity games are scheduled for 7:15 p.m. The OHSAA Tournament draw will take place on Sunday, February 12. Results will be posted on the Lakewood Observer website as soon as they become available.

*Lakewood Athletic Director Sean Jackson has confirmed that the boys rugby program will return to LHS this spring. The team will play its home games at Garfield Stadium. Their schedule includes home games against Copley, Parma, and Coventry. The road schedule is highlighted by a visit to St. Ignatius on April 1.

*The Lakewood Observer website contains photo galleries from recent LHS wrestling matches against Shaw, John Marshall, and Amherst Steele. To view, go to www.lakewoodobserver.com and click on "photo galleries".



Forum

Lakewood Taxpayers Fight Back Against Lakewood City Council’s \$1.8 Million Illegal Ordinances

Cite Ordinances Impact On Our Pocketbooks, The Environment and Our Economy

by Gabriela Kaplan

LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL FUNDS \$1.8 MILLION PROJECT FOR CLIFF EROSION THAT WILL NOT PREVENT CLIFF COLLAPSE

In the summer of 2016, the City of Lakewood passed Ordinance (25-16) with a cost above \$704,000 for the Meridian Condo’s shore cliff “erosion protection.” It did this without owner votes and in spite of over 54 owners’ signed objections.

These owners brought to City Council top international geotechnical shoreline expert, Dr. R. Young, who during open council, advised that a shoreline cliff project is not indicated at this time and its design will not prevent potential collapse of its cliff (video A, B). City Council ignored him, ignored the condo’s hired engineer (Lewin and Assoc. firm) as well as top experts’ correspondence who concurred with Dr. Young (C).

In January 2017, the City of Lakewood passed another Ordinance. This, for over \$1,100,000. Ordinance (57-16) for “shoreline/cliff protection” for the Winton Place condo which is next door to the Meridian (the cliff is shared by these adjoining condos).

LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL AND MERIDIAN CONDO BOARD ARE IN VIOLATION OF CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS

Owners who oppose the cliff

project hired top Cleveland attorney, Majeed Makhoulf, ex-Law Director of Cuyahoga County, who put condo boards, ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources) State officials and City Council on legal notice that they were violating condo, municipal, state and federal laws and ignoring multiple experts’ advice (D). Officials, Boards and City Council ignored these.

LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL AND WINTON PLACE CONDO BOARD ARE IN VIOLATION OF CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS

They used the same tactics used for the Meridian Condo, ignoring the same legal and engineering experts. Attorney Majeed Makhoulf legal notice to them too, was ignored.

The Ohio Constitution requires the obtaining of 100% of the Owners’ votes in order for the City to activate a bond for such projects, if not, the municipality must pay for same and appropriate the property under eminent domain (D). (1) The ordinances to finance these projects violate the Ohio Constitution, because it forbids the City from lending to a private association. (2) The Board is not allowed to borrow for the project from the City. (4) The condo declarations and Bylaws require that owners vote for new projects or improvements with prices above \$25,000. The wall and revetment are “improvements” not maintenance projects, because no prior wall or revetment were there to “maintain.” Thus demanding funds for these, without a passing Owners’ 100% approval vote, violates Ohio law. (7) As an alternative, should the Board choose, it must obtain votes from 65% of the Owners for such projects, the Board can fund the project from its coffers, demand direct assessment to the Owners or borrow from a bank but not from the municipality.

In order to stop the ordinances, owners would have to file a lawsuit. Litigation is costly, takes years and would devalue the City of Lakewood’s bond rating. Banks won’t lend to owners or to buyers of properties who are in litigation, so property values drop, thus a lawsuit has not been filed to date.

“VOTE” WAS NOT VALID, TACTICS ARE COERCIVE AND ILLEGAL

For a vote to be valid, the vote must be cast on a given date, time and verified by an accounting firm/ witnesses. Since only about 65% of owners signed a flyer, and sent it after several weeks, and many signed because we were told we had no right to vote, that all we had to do was approve the flyer, which is a lie, the City of Lakewood violated the law by approving these as signatures. The law requires 100% of owners’ signatures for such ordinances. We were told that the City of Lakewood’s ordinance obligated us to comply, or owners who did not sign would eventually have a lien on their individual condo. We were told that owners who didn’t sign would have to pay all of our obligation within 30 days after the completion of the project. However, owners who signed

were given twenty years to pay. I am convinced we would have never gotten even the 65% signatures if these coercive and illegal tactics were not used.

WHY DID THIS TAKE PLACE THEN?

I suspect there are \$1.8 Million reasons for the interested parties to push these ordinances. This because, to place drain tiles, shrubbery and trees on the top of the cliffs to protect against erosion and collapse as was recommended by the experts, at a fraction of the cost, is not lucrative.

I suspect that many other shoreline properties will have the same fate, now that the City of Lakewood has perfected this ordinance system.

CLIFF AND SHORELINE EROSION “PROTECTING STRUCTURES” WOULD CAUSE EROSION ON CLIFTON BEACH, ROCKY RIVER’S BEACH, HUNTINGTON AND EDGEWATER PARKS ETC.

The Great Lakes’ increasing algae bloom, cyanobacteria and pollution are due to population growth, human pollution and global warming. There is one more factor for water pollution: shoreline protecting structures, like the ones imposed in these ordinances. These armored walls destroy the shore’s ability to naturally cleanse the water, its marshes, destroy wildlife’s nesting and fishing/ hunting habitats. These “protections” cause erosion on shorelines, marshes and structures up to ten miles from either side (E). Many lawsuits have been filed due to the destruction these cause. (F). Due to the growing number of these “protections,” Edgewater Park will disappear in short order, unless its sand is re-seeded, which is costly. To date, the Winton condo has spent over \$1.5 Million in replenishing its revetment which in turn is causing erosion of the neighboring cliffs/beaches. This domino effect from more seawalls causes more erosion of cliffs/beaches downstream and a deterioration of water quality.

OTHER STATES HAVE BANNED THESE STRUCTURES

Because of the destructive nature of these armored walls, about a dozen states have banned these, while others have strict permits for shore erosion protection. Ohio’s water sports and fishing are multi-billion dollar industries. ODNR, Ohio officials, City Council and our Mayor boast that they “care for the environment.” In this instance, they prove they don’t.

To ruin our environment and our economy with ill-advised projects like these because experts and laws were ignored, is unconscionable.

Gabriela Kaplan, MD, is a Unit owner who is representing over 54 owners of Winton and Meridian condos, in Lakewood, Ohio.

(A) Video from 32:00 minutes to 38:57 minutes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IVRsemmZpE

(B) News Article:

http://www.cleveland.com/

lakewood/index.ssf/2016/05/lakewood-city-council-weighs_e.html

(C) Engineers: Bob Holt, Orrin Pilkey, Walter Cramton etc

(D) 1. Ohio R.C. 5311.04(A)

2 . Article VIII, Section 6, of the Ohio Constitution; see, e.g., C.I.V.I.C. Group, v. City of Warren, 2000-Ohio-265, 88 Ohio St. 3d 37, and State ex rel. Ryan v. City Council of Gahanna (1984), 9 Ohio St. 3d 126.

3. Article VIII, Sections 13 and 16, respectively, of the Ohio Constitution.

4 . See Decl., Art. III, Section 9(D).

5. See Decl., Art. III, Section 5(G), which requires such written confirmation.

6. Bylaw, Art. VIII, Sec. 3. Indeed, the Bylaws clearly distinguish between “capital additions, alterations and improvements,” on the one hand, and “maintenance, repair or replacement” on the other hand.

7. See Haller v. Hickory Creek Home Owners Ass’n, 2001-Ohio-4032 (1st Dist.) (“This court has held that a trial court’s adoption of definitions for the terms ‘improvement,’ ‘alteration,’ and ‘maintenance’ was reasonable where the trial court had found that ‘an alteration or improvement involves the change of a thing from one form or state to another, whereas maintenance contemplates the restoration of a thing to its original condition.’ Here, obviously, the “installation of a new water line, where none had existed previously, was an improvement,” as that term is ordinarily used. [fn. 11 Behm v. Victory Lane Unit Owners’ Assn., Inc. (1999), 133 Ohio App. 3d 484, 728 N.E.2d 1093.]” (Emphasis added.)

8. http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/67096.html

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on the commission is voluntary and contingent upon appointment by the mayor and city.

Bernadette Elston is a member of the city of Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission and an (almost) ten year resident of the wonderful city of Lakewood. Her interest in becoming an Observer is directly related to her responsibilities on the commission.



Forum

Lakewoodites Voice Their Support At Pro-Refugee, Pro-Immigrant Rallies



Since the travel ban Executive Order was issued by the Trump Administration, rallies in support of refugee and immigrant communities (and against the travel ban) have swept the nation. As a community with strong immigrant roots that continues to be a haven for many refugees and immigrants today, Lakewoodites showed up and shared their experiences with the LO at two of the most prominent rallies. Immediately above and below - at Cleveland Hopkins Airport and starting on W. 25th Street winding through downtown to outside the Federal Court House.



Gun Control In Ohio

by Michael Lauer

As an advocate for domestic violence awareness and prevention, I want to acknowledge all of the dedicated, bipartisan legislative accomplishments that our Ohio Congressman and Senators have done and continue to do to help prevent gun violence in our communities. In 2016, Ohio enacted a law prohibiting violent career criminals from buying, possessing, or carrying a gun. Ohio also requires a firearm owner to report the loss or theft of any firearm in the person’s possession or

under the person’s control. Unfortunately, we still need an increase of bipartisan, legislative support on requiring background checks on private sales and the prohibiting of transfer or possession of assault weapons, 50 caliber rifles, or large capacity ammunition magazines. Please consider examining these other issues to help prevent gun violence in Ohio. We must never forget of the tragic event that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012.



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Lakewood Living

Old Schools

by John Vacha

Progress can often be a double-edged sword. Whenever new structures are raised in response to changing times, the old ones being replaced face neglect, destruction —or preservation and rehabilitation for new purposes.

As Lakewood's school system nears completion of the most ambitious building program in its history, the community faces the question of disposing of two of its most historic but outgrown buildings. These are the red brick structures on the western block of Warren Road between Detroit Avenue and Hilliard Road, familiar to Lakewoodites as the Board of Education headquarters.

Thousands pass them daily with little idea of their role in the development of public education in Lakewood. Current plans to place the building up for sale could result in cutting the last visible links of the Lakewood Public Schools to the nineteenth century.

In 1879, the smaller of the two buildings was dedicated as East Rockport Central School. Designed by the Cleveland firm of Coburn and Barnum, it was built at a cost of \$4,519 plus an extra \$42 to engrave the school's name above the central windows of the second story. It replaced a one-story building dating from the beginnings of the East Rockport school district some ten years earlier.

East Rockport became the City



The original Warren Road complex.

of Lakewood, which soon outgrew its single combined elementary and high school building. Consequently the second of the two buildings on Warren Road was built in 1899 and opened as simply the High School.

Other civic buildings moved into the neighborhood. Between the schools and Detroit Avenue appeared a police station and fire department. A larger high school, known as Wilson School, was built on the eastern side of Warren Road. The old High School then became an elementary school, still remembered by some as Grant School.

Although the police and fire departments, as well as Wilson School, all disappeared in favor of other locations, Grant School and the old East Rockport Central remained in their original location. An addition was built behind Grant School, only to disappear when a new Grant School was opened on Victoria Avenue.

That left the original Grant and East Rockport Central schools which, linked by a two-room cross over addition, have served for nearly half a century as the administrative headquarters of the Lakewood Board of Education and Recreation Department. The Board's planned relocation from this site, however, leaves the future of its two oldest buildings in doubt.

It was the threatened destruction of Lakewood's Oldest Stone House that led to the formation of the Lakewood Historical Society in 1952. Under the leadership of founder Margaret Manor

Butler, the society headed an effort to preserve the Detroit Avenue structure by having it moved to its present location in Lakewood Park. Several decades later the society worked with the city to preserve Lakewood's oldest wood frame building, the Nicholson House, in its original Detroit Avenue location.

Since the 1960s the urban renewal movement has prompted the rise of the historic preservation initiative. Last year marked the fiftieth anniver-

sary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, established by Congress to identify structures worthy of being saved for historical or aesthetic reasons.

Urban removal and historic preservation since then frequently engage in a tug-of war that can go either way. It was won by the Christian Science Church in downtown Lakewood; it was lost by the Christian Science Church opposite Lakewood's eastern border. It was lost by the commercial block at Highland and Detroit Avenues to a generic big-box drugstore; the Curtis Block next to the defunct Lakewood Hospital, on the other hand, has staved off destruction with its recent designation as a local historic landmark.

The future of the two old schools on Warren Road is the latest chapter in an old dilemma. Can a community adapt to changing times without sacrificing the characteristics which have made it unique?

NOTE: Much of the factual material in this article was derived from an account by Amanda Francazio in the fall 2016 newsletter of the Lakewood Historical Society.



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East Rockport Central School

From The Archives Of The Lakewood Historical Society

by Alyse Lamparyk on behalf of
Lakewood Historical Society

Pictured at right is the oldest valentine in the Lakewood Historical Society's collection of vintage valentines. Dating from the 1870's, it was created using paper and wool batting, and it bears no writing or verse. See more vintage valentines on display at the Nicholson House during the Historical Society's annual Valentine's Tea Party for children. Attendance is limited, so call 216-221-7343 or visit lakewoodhistory.org to reserve your tickets.



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Lakewood Living

Extensive Progress With Kitchen, Bathrooms
Draws Scenic Park House Closer To Completion

by Matt Bixenstine

Winter tends to be a time for hibernation and relative inactivity, but not for Dana Paul, builder of the spectacular new single-family home coming to fruition at 1427 Scenic Street in Lakewood.

Paul, a Lakewood resident and owner of Prairie Stone Group, the company spearheading this building project, has spent much of the last two months making strides towards bringing the 1,425 square foot home closer to being occupant-ready. Of late his meticulous efforts have focused on the home's kitchen, two-and-a-half bathrooms and exterior landscaping.

Once an antique brown stain had dried upon the downstairs level's character hickory hardwood flooring, Paul installed kitchen cabinets featuring crown caps and quarter-sawn oak with a tight grain pattern. These details complement granite countertops and a 9-foot-long island that blends the spacious kitchen with an open-concept



With the cooperation of mild winter weather, exterior landscaping has been finalized.

downstairs layout. Meanwhile, on the upstairs level Paul equipped both full bathrooms

with heated flooring. The master bedroom in the back of the house features an attached bathroom with marble tile floor and a sizable, walk-in shower.

The two levels are integrated by a large, six-panel window above the staircase offering both ample natural light and impressive views of the Rocky River Valley.

"For the most part the details of this home are really coming together

as I envisioned," said Paul. "There's still plenty of work to be done, but I'm starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel."

With cooperation from mild winter weather, Paul and his wife, Heidi, also recently set about finalizing the home's exterior landscaping. They planted natural grasses, holly and a seven-foot ornamental tree in the front yard, while Paul laid sod within the backyard framed by a rock border.

"Rolling sod is pretty gratifying because it creates instant green amidst the grey of winter," Paul said.

Paul's next steps involve installing fixtures in the kitchen and bathrooms, as well as "trimming out" by adding trim around doors, windows and flooring throughout the three-bedroom house.

With assistance from the City of Lakewood and the Cuyahoga Land Bank, LakewoodAlive has sought to convert this previously-vacant lot in western Lakewood into a new, single-family home. The Scenic Park House Project remains on track to be completed this spring.

Matt Bixenstine is the Marketing & Development Manager for LakewoodAlive. He enjoys all things Lakewood, especially walking his basset hound through Madison Park.

Freshened Dressin'

by Leah Fedor

I was highly critical when the new policy for LHS dress-code was released. To me it was just another set of rules. In 2015 a relatively informal protest was conducted by students after a school-wide conversation started about the dress-code, and what it was like from our perspectives. Some people had never had a bad experience with the dress-code, so they did not feel against it. On the other hand, those who have had bad experiences with the dress-code did have opposition for it.

This is a simple explanation of what occurred the first week of school back in 2015. But since we are talking about high schoolers, (people aged between 14 and 18) all in one building, (which was really 2 at the time) and are equipped with sarcastic and dramatic responses, not to mention digital commentary on the web; the school was in a state of petty debate.

The general guidelines are pretty specific which I was slightly weary of at the time. In fact, I didn't really feel any excitement until someone told me how great it was and that I should feel good about it. So I just took a second to think about the whole situation and how it had started back in freshman year. I had already had a pretty harsh opinion of the dress-code, and I wasn't afraid to break the rules, although I never really saw there being any change while I was there.

Soon after the beginning of the school year, it was pretty clear that not only were the past rules unnecessary, but they also created a lot of unneeded stress between students

Leah's
TEEN
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and staff. I mean, what adult wants to look at a person and tell them their skirt is a few inches too high above their knee? There are significantly fewer people getting in trouble for the clothes they wear, which was once quite the distraction in someone's day. Also quite ironic since back then the clothes were seen as being the distraction.

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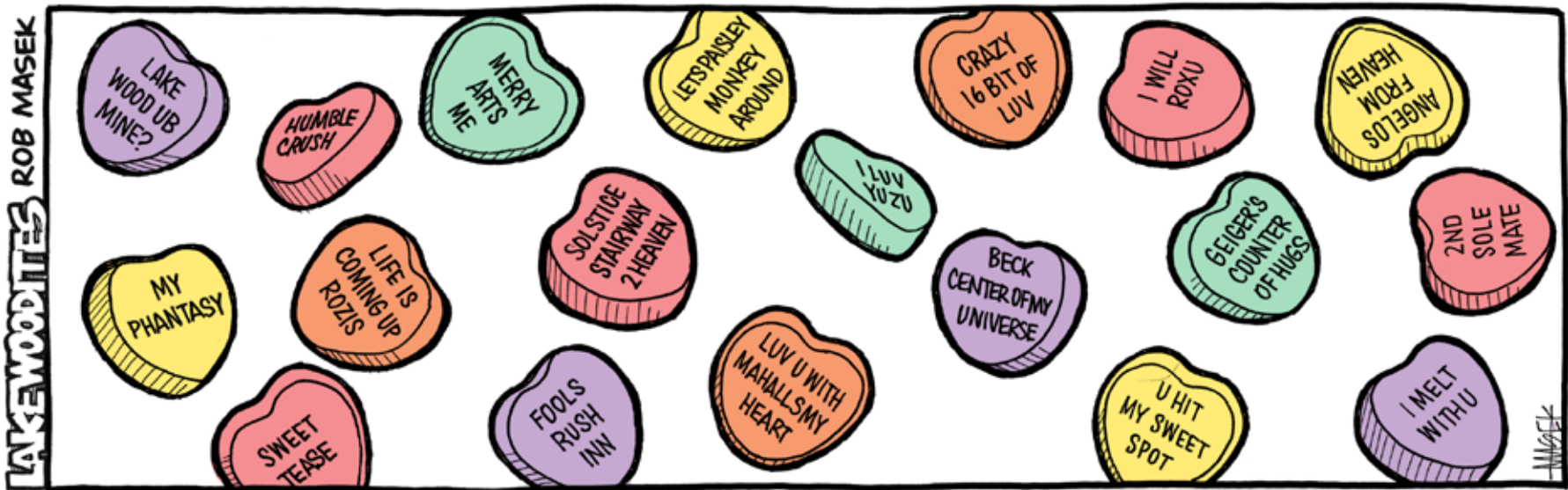
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